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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SHUM, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PROPOSED VISIT TO SWAPO DETAINEES

REF: CAPE TOWN 879

1. WE AGREE WITH THE EMBASSY THAT A REQUEST BY EMBASSY
POLOFF TO VISIT SWAPO DETAINEES WOULD HIGHLIGHT OUR CONCERN
WITH THE AG'S RECENT DETENTION ACTIONS. ON THE OTHER
HAND, GIVEN THE DELICATE STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE
TIMING MAY NOT BE THE MOST PROPITIOUS.

2. ON BALANCE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT EICHER NOT AT THIS
TIME SEEK SAG PERMISSION TO VISIT WITH INTERNAL SWAPO
DETAINEES IN NAMIBIA. WITH THE SAG HAVING ACCEPTED
THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST FOR
THE TIME BEING TO AVOID INITIATING ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT
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LEAD THE SAG TO THINK WE ARE PRESUMING TOO MUCH ON THEIR
ACCEPTANCE. IN ANY EVENT, SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE UNLIKELY
TO HAVE MUCH POSITIVE EFFECT ON SWAPO'S POSITION ON THE
FIVE'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. VANCE

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